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FM USDEL SECRETARY AIRCRAFT
TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE
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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652 N/A
TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)
SUBJECT: WHEELS UP LUSAKA

THE SECRETARY AND PARTY DEPARTED LUSAKA 1304 HOURS LOCAL.
TIME. ETA PRETORIA 1550.
KISSINGER

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE
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Q. HAVE YOU ANY REAL HOPE THAT THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF A FIRM
DECLARATION BY IAN SMITH THAT HE IS IN FAVOR OF MAJORITY RULE
COMING OUT OF THIS MISSION?

KAUNDA: WE HAVE MADE OUR POINT VERY CLEAR. I SAID EARLIER ON THAT WHILE WE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS MISSION, AND INDEED WE WANT TO BE VERY POSITIVE ABOUT IT, ON THE OTHER HAND WE ARE ONCE BITTEN TWICE SHY. WE ARE NOT LETTING UP ON THE ARMED STRUGGLE. WE ARE INTENSIFYING THE ARMED STRUGGLE. SO THAT EITHER WAY, IF DR. KISSINGER'S MISSION FAILS, VERY GOOD, WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT, WE WILL JUST INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE. SO EITHER WAY WE ARE LOSING NOTHING.

Q. PRESIDENT NYERERE SAID HE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE A MIRACLE IF IAN SMITH MADE SUCH A DECLARATION. DO YOU THINK IT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE A MIRACLE?

KAUNDA: I WOULD NOT LIKE TO COMMENT ON WHAT MY COLLEAGUE HAS SAID. I AM TELLING YOU WHAT I AM THINKING.

Q. WELL, IF DR. KISSINGER DOES NOT COME BACK WITH A FIRM COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, DOES THAT MEAN AS FAR UNCLASSIFIED
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AS YOU ARE CONCERNED THAT THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE IS AT AN END?

KAUNDA: THIS IS FOR DR. KISSINGER TO REPLY TO. I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT OUR STAND IS WE ARE FIGHTING EVEN NOW.

Q. BUT HE HAS SAID ALL ALONG THAT HE WILL ONLY DO WHAT THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS ASK HIM TO DO. WILL YOU ASK HIM THEN TO END HIS INITIATIVE?

KAUNDA: WELL, AFTER THAT HE WILL HAVE MET MR. VORSTER AND HE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO SAY WHETHER ANY MORE INITIATIVE BY HIM WOULD BE USEFUL. TO US, WE GIVE HIM OUR BLESSINGS, BUT THAT WILL NOT INFLUENCE OUR FIGHTING SPIRIT AT ALL.

Q. YOUR EXCELLENCY, AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, WE HAVE TO INTENSIFY THE WAR, NOW. DOES DR. KISSINGER GIVE YOU ANY REASON WHY HE THINKS AMERICA CAN PEACEFULLY END THIS WAR?

KAUNDA: WELL, OF COURSE, LOUIS, THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE REALLY THE PROBLEMS OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WHITES AND RESIDENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE OF WESTERN STOCKS, SO THE UNITED STATES, BEING A SUPER POWER IN TERMS OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE INFLUENCE, THEY NATURALLY BELIEVE THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. BUT IF THEY FAIL, I HAVE SAID ALREADY, WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BY THAT FAILURE.

Q. DID YOU ASK DR. KISSINGER FOR ANY AMERICAN ARMS HELP?

KAUNDA: I WANT HIM TO GO WITH A VERY CLEAR MIND. I WANT HIM TO BE IN A POSITIVE FRAME OF MIND WHEN HE GOES THERE. IT IS NOT VERY

LONG. IF HE COMES BACK WITHOUT SUCCESS, THEN TALKS WILL ASSUME
A VERY DIFFERENT POSTURE, IF I MAY SAY SO. THEN WE CAN DISCUSS
WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT.

Q. IN OTHER WORDS THEN YOU MIGHT ASK FOR AMERICAN MILITARY AID
IF HIS SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION FAILS?

KAUNDA: NO, DON'T PUT WORDS IN MY MOUTH, MY DEAR BROTHER.
I AM NOT SAYING THAT, I AM SAYING WE WILL DISCUSS AFTER THAT.

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Q. PRESIDENT KAUNDA, WHEN YOU SAY WE WILL FIGHT, DOES THAT MEAN
THAT ZAMBIA FORCES THEMSELVES WILL BE THROWN INTO THE STRUGGLE
OR IS IT AN INTENSIFICATION OF YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS?

KAUNDA: ZAMBIA HAS BEEN FIGHTING, MY DEAR BROTHER, EVER SINCE
OUR INDEPENDENCE. ANGOLA BROUGHT BOMBINGS FROM THE FACIST
PROTUGUESE FORCES IN MOZAMBIQUE UNTIL INDEPENDENCE CAME TO THOSE
TWO COUNTRIES. WE HAVE SUFFERED FROM MINE WARFARE BY REBELS AND BY
SOUTH AFRICA FACIST FORCES, ON THE COMMON BORDER WITH NAMIBIA,
SO WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING ALL ALONG AND OUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
LOSING LIFE AND PROPERTY ALL THIS TIME.

Q. MR. PRESIDENT, CAN YOU SAY WHETHER AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING
YOU ARE MORE PESSIMISTIC OR LESS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE
OF THE SUB-CONTINENT?

KAUNDA: I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AN OPTIMIST, MY DEAR BROTHER, THAT IS
WHY I FIGHT, I FIGHT TO WIN AND WHEN WE FIGHT THE TIME FOR
NEGOTIATIONS MUST COME, AND IN THIS RESPECT, IF THIS STAGE OF
THE NEGOTIATIONS DOES NOT SUCCEED, AS THE LAST ONE IN WHICH ONLY
US WERE INVOLVED, VERY GOOD, THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES. SO THERE
IS NOTHING TO LOSE.

Q. MR. PRESIDENT, CAN YOU TELL US AS A RESULT OF YOUR MEETINGS
YOU ARE MORE HOPEFUL THAT PROGRESS WILL BE MADE ON THE NAMIBIAN
QUESTION RATHER THAN THE RHODESIAN MATTERS?

KAUNDA: NO. I AM SAYING THAT AS A FREEDOM FIGHTER MYSELF I
AM EVER OPTIMISTIC. WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY IS THAT THERE IS
NO DIFFERENCE. WE HOPE AND PRAY DR. KISSINGER'S MISSION SUCCEEDS.
IF IT DOESN'T SUCCEED, WE WILL CONTINUE. SOONER OR LATER WE ARE
GOING TO NEGOTIATE. BUT THE FIGHT CONTINUES. SO WE ARE HAPPY
AND IN A VERY HAPPY AND STRONG POSITION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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